

REMARKS

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing and considering the pending application. The Office Action dated November 17, 2005 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 1, 3, 5, 21, and 28 have been canceled. Claims 29 and 30 were previously canceled. New claims 40-44 have been added. Accordingly, claims - 2, 4, 6-20, 22-27 and 31-44 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 11, 21-24 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,196,993 to *Herron et al.* (hereinafter "*Herron*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,422,751 to *Lewis* (hereinafter "*Lewis*") and U.S. Patent No. 5,566,048 to *Esterberg et al.* (hereinafter "*Esterberg*"). The Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 21. In addition, claims 2, 11, 21-24, and 37 have been amended such that they no longer variously depend from claims 1 and 21, thereby rendering the rejection of claims 1, 2, 11, 21-24 and 37 moot.

The Applicants have added new claims 40 and 43. Furthermore, the Applicants have amended claims 2, 11, 21-24, and 37 such that they variously depend from claims 40 and 43. The Applicant submits that claims 2, 11, 21-24, 37, 40 and 43 are patentable over *Herron* in view of *Lewis* and *Esterberg*.

As required in Chapter 2143.03 of the M.P.E.P., in order to "establish *prima facie* obviousness of the claimed invention, all the limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art." The Applicant respectfully submits that neither *Herron*, *Lewis* nor *Esterberg*, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest each and every element recited in claims 2, 11, 21-24, 37, 40 and 43. In particular, claim 40 recites a liquid crystal display apparatus having, among other features, a hinge arm "positioned between the liquid crystal display module and the enclosure." The Applicant submits that none of the references

disclose or suggest these features. As correctly pointed out in the Office Action, *Herron* does not disclose this feature. Similarly, *Lewis* does not disclose this feature. However, in maintaining the rejection, the Office Action indicates that *Esterberg* discloses a hinge arm “being positioned between the liquid crystal display module (not labeled) and the enclosure.” See e.g., the Office Action at page 3. The Applicant respectfully disagrees. As may be clearly seen in Figure 6, the arm 38 is completely enclosed by the display housing 14. Since the arm 38 is completely enclosed by the display housing 14, the arm 38 cannot possibly be positioned between a liquid crystal display module and an enclosure. Therefore, claim 40, along with claims 2, 11, and 37, which depend therefrom, is patentable over *Herron*, *Lewis* and *Esterberg*.

Claim 43 recites a display for a computer comprising, among other features, a hinge arm “positioned between the display module and the housing.” As previously detailed, none of the cited references, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest this feature. Accordingly, claim 43 is allowable over *Herron*, *Lewis* and *Esterberg*. Likewise, claims 22-24, which depend from claim 43, are also patentable for at least the same reasons.

The Office Action also rejected claims 3-7, 15, 16, 20, 28-32, 36, 38, and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Herron* in view of *Lewis* and *Esterberg*. Claims 3, 5, and 28-30 have been canceled and claims 4, 6, 7, 15, 16, 20, 31, 32, 36, 38, and 39 have been amended such that they no longer variously depend from claims 3, 5, and 28, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

The Applicant has added new claims 41, 42, and 44. Moreover, the Applicant has amended claims 4, 6, 7, 15, 16, 20, 31, 32, 36, and 38 such that they variously depend from claims 41, 42, and 44. The Applicants submit that claims 4, 6, 7, 15, 16, 20, 31, 32, 36, 38, 41, 42, and 44 are patentable over *Herron* in view of *Lewis* and *Esterberg*. Claims 41 and 42 recite a portable information processing apparatus comprising, among other features, a hinge

arm “positioned between the liquid crystal display module and the enclosure.” As previously outlined, none of the cited references, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest this feature. As such, claims 41 and 42, along with claims 4, 6, 7, 15, 16, 20, 38, and 39 which variously depend therefrom, are patentable over *Herron* in view of *Lewis* and *Esterberg*.

Claim 44 recites a computer which includes, among other features, a hinge arm “positioned between the display module and the housing.” As discussed above, none of the cited references, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest this feature. Thus, claim 44 is patentable over *Herron* in view of *Lewis* and *Esterberg*. Similarly, claims 31, 32 and 36, which depend from claim 44, are also patentable for at least the same reasons.

Moreover, the Office Action rejected claims 8-10, 12-14, 17-19, 25-27, and 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Herron* in view of *Lewis* and *Esterberg*. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

As detailed above, none of the cited references disclose or suggest all the features recited in claims 40-44, the base claims from which claims 8-10, 12-14, 17-19, 25-27, and 33-35 variously depend. Thus, the rejected claims are patentable over the cited references and the Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

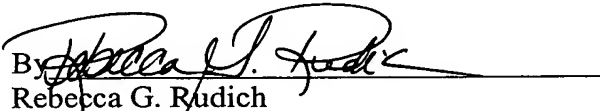
The application is in a condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner believes a conversation with the Applicant’s representative would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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